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TAGS: PFOR, OAU, WZ

SUBJECT: OAU SYG SCORES US POLICY TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA

REF: MBABANE 1501

1. IN HOUR-LONG ADDRESS AT AUGUST 28 OPENING OF SWAZILAND TRADE FAIR IN PRESENCE OF ROYAL REPS, CABINET, AND SENIOR GOS OFFICIALS, OAU SECRETARY GENERAL WILLIAM ETEKI MADE FOLLOWING DEROGATORY STATEMENT CONCERNING US POLICY ON RACIAL ISSUES IN SOUTHERN AFRICA: QUOTE THE SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME SEEMS TO FEEL MORE CONFIDENT THAN EVER BEFORE THAT ITS FRIENDS WITHIN THE WESTERN WORLD WILL CONTINUE TO DEFEND THE APARTHEID REGIME'S INTERESTS THROUGH THE CREATION OF FUTURE CRISES IN THE SOUTHERN REGION OF AFRICA. THE UNITED STATES, THE UNITED KINGDOM, WEST GERMANY AND JAPAN STILL REMAIN BEING THE PROMINENT ALLIES OF THE RACIST SOUTH AFRICAN REGIME. EACH OF THESE GOVERNMENTS PERIODICALLY ISSUES APPARENT CRITICISMS OF APARTHEID. BUT THESE CRITICISMS ARE ACTUALLY PROPAGANDA COVERS CONCEALING THEIR TRUE CONNECTIONS WITH THE APARTHEID SYSTEM. THEIR MILITARY, FINANCIAL AND TRADE LINKS WITH THE APARTHEID ESTABLISHMENT HAVE BEEN GROWING CONTINUALLY. WESTERN POLITICIANS HAVE FOR LONG BEEN PRAISING THE POLICIES OF THE APARTHEID REGIME AND BY SO DOING SUPPORTED ACTIVELY THE POLICIES OF RACIAL OPPRESSION AND ECONOMIC EXPLOITATION. END

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QUOTE (FULL TEXT OF SPEECH BEING POUCHED PERRY,

AF/S, SEPTEMBER 1.)

2. AFTER CEREMONY CONCLUDED, I APPROACHED HOST MINISTER S.S. NXUMALO TO RECALL HIS PRIVATE STATEMENT OF PREVIOUS EVENING IN WHICH HE SUPPORTED US POLICY ON SOUTHERN AFRICAN ISSUES (PARA 3A REFTEL) AND TO EXPRESS REGRET THAT OAU SYG HAD PUBLICLY BERATED USG FOR THAT POLICY. NXUMALO REPLIED, "I KNOW, I KNOW. BUT REMARKS BY INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATION PEOPLE REFLECT WHATEVER THEY BELIEVE THE CONSENSUS IS." NXUMALO SAID NOTHING TO ME THAT WOULD ASSOCIATE GOS WITH THE SYG'S REMARKS NOR, WITH SYG STANDING WITHIN POSSIBLE EARSHOT, THAT WOULD HAVE DISASSOCIATED GOS FROM THEM. WE PARTED AMICABLY AT END.

3. FOREGOING OAU REMARKS, ESPECIALLY AT THIS TIME AND IN THIS PLACE, PROMPT THE QUESTION (IF INDEED THERE IS NOT ALREADY DEPARTMENT POLICY IN THIS SPHERE) OF COGNIZANCE, IF ANY, TO BE TAKEN BY USG IN SIMILAR SITUATIONS IN FUTURE. MINIMUM APPROPRIATE RESPONSE IN FRIENDLY COUNTRY WOULD APPEAR BE TO LET A SENIOR HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL KNOW THAT USG IS LISTENING, EVEN WHEN (AS PROBABLY TRUE IN THIS CASE) OAU TEXT NOT SHOWN TO HOST GOVERNMENT IN ADVANCE. DEPENDING ON NUMBER OF FACTORS, INCLUDING ANTICIPATED PRODUCTIVENESS OF EXERCISE AND ALSO EXTENT TO WHICH USG WISHES DIGNIFY OAU RHETORIC, DEPARTMENT MIGHT WISH CONSIDER APPROACHES TO OAU IN ADDIS AND/OR NEW YORK AFTER SELECTED OCCURRENCES.

4. UNLESS OTHERWISE INFORMED, POST WILL TAKE NO FURTHER ACTION IN CONNECTION WITH THIS INCIDENT.

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